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December 17, 2003

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are four (4) copies of a Memorandum of Lease of Railroad Equipment, dated as of December 15, 2003 a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Lessee: Canadian National Railway Company  
935 de la Gauchetiere Street West  
Montreal, Quebec  
Canada H3B 2M9

Lessor: Royal Bank of Canada  
320 Front Street  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5V 3B6

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is:

Thirty (30) locomotives bearing road numbers and reporting marks CN 2673 through CN 2696 and CN 2200 through CN 2205.

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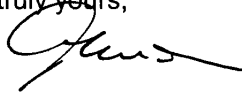
A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Memorandum of Lease of Railroad Equipment

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvord', written over the closing 'yours'.

Robert W. Alvord

RWA/anr  
Enclosures

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**MEMORANDUM OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT**  
dated as of December 15, 2003 between **CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY**, a corporation continued under the laws of Canada (hereinafter called the **Lessee**), and **ROYAL BANK OF CANADA**, a Canadian chartered bank (hereinafter called the **Lessor**).

**WHEREAS**, the Lessee and the Lessor are entering into that certain Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of the date hereof (hereinafter the **Lease**) covering thirty (30) General Electric model Dash 9-44CW diesel-electric locomotives, bearing the road numbers **CN 2673 through CN 2696 and CN 2200 through CN 2205**, and all additions thereto, alterations thereof, replacements thereof and substitutions therefor (hereinafter the **Locomotives**);

**WHEREAS**, the terms and conditions of the Lease are incorporated by reference in this Memorandum as if fully set forth herein;

**AND WHEREAS**, this Memorandum has been entered into for the purpose of satisfying the requirements for i) recordation with the Surface Transportation Board of the United States of America under Section 11301 of Title 49 of the *United States Code* and ii) deposit with the Registrar General of Canada under Section 105 of the *Canada Transportation Act*.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties wish to show for the public record, among other things, the ownership of the Locomotives by the Lessor, the leasehold interest therein of the Lessee and the rights of the Lessee from time to time to purchase the Locomotives or to renew the Lease and, accordingly have caused this Memorandum to be executed by their officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the day and year first above written.

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY**

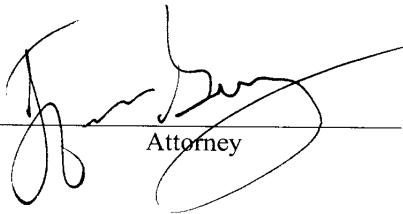
By: [Signature]  
Its: Sr. Manager Asset Finance

**ROYAL BANK OF CANADA**

By: [Signature]  
Its: A.V. Skuyter, National Sales Manager  
[Signature]  
PAUL S. WEAGANT.  
SENIOR UNDERWRITER.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC           )  
  )  
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL       )   ss.:


On this 12th day of December, 2003, before me personally appeared John A.N. Lamont, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is Sr. Manager Asset Finance of CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY, that the instrument was signed on behalf of said company by authority of its board of directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said company.

  
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Attorney

Bar Number: 188726-2

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO       )  
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CITY OF Toronto            )   ss.:

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003, before me personally appeared Mr. J. Laugel / PS Weagant, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he / she is Mr. L. Sales Mgr / Senior Underwriter of ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, that the instrument was signed on behalf of said bank by authority of its board of directors, and he / she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said bank.

  
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Notary Public  
Jonathan Weiss

My commission expires: perpetual